

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A receiving system composed of a receiving device, a monitor device for displaying an output of said receiving device, and an external recording device to be controlled by said receiving device, said receiving device comprising:

on-screen display control means for displaying a screen corresponding to various setting states and setting-arranging items on said ~~monitor device in an on-screen manner~~;

external device control means for setting an operation of said external recording device; and

control means for, when a recording input is given,

determining whether or not a program being received is copy protected,

setting said external recording device to a recording state if said program is initially found not copy protected, and

disabling control of said external recording device if said program is found copy protected before recording said received program onto said external recording device;

whereby said external recording device is prevented from recording received copy protected programs.

2. (currently amended) The receiving system according to claim 1, wherein,

if said program is found copy protected when said recording input is given, a warning indicative of copy protection is displayed ~~in an on-[[]]~~ said screen ~~manner~~.

3. (currently amended) The receiving system according to claim 1, wherein, when said recording input is given, an on-screen display is provided ~~through which stop of~~ for stopping recording ~~is operated~~.

4. (currently amended) The receiving system according to claim 3, wherein, when said recording input is given, a button for stopping recording is put in a selected state on said ~~on-[[]]~~ screen ~~display~~.

5. (currently amended) The receiving system according to claim 1, wherein said external device control means controls said external recording device by use ~~of~~ using an AV mouse.

6. (currently amended) The receiving system according to claim 1, wherein said external device control means controls said external recording device by use using ~~of~~ an IEEE 1394 interface.

7. (currently amended) A receiving apparatus comprising:
on-screen display control means for displaying a screen corresponding to various setting states and setting-arranging items on said ~~monitor device in an on-screen manner~~;

external device control means for setting an operation of an external recording device; and

control means for, when a recording input is given,

determining whether or not a program being received is copy protected,

setting said external recording device to a recording state if said program is initially found not copy protected, and

disabling control of said external recording device if said program is found copy protected before recording said received program onto said external recording device;

whereby said external recording device is prevented from recording received copy protected programs.

8. (currently amended) The receiving apparatus according to claim 7, wherein, if said program is found copy protected when said recording input is given, a warning indicative of copy protection is displayed ~~in an on-[]~~ said screen-manner.

9. (currently amended) The receiving apparatus according to claim 7, wherein, when said recording input is given, an on-screen display is provided ~~through which stop of for stopping recording is operated.~~

10. (currently amended) The receiving apparatus according to claim 9, wherein, when said recording input is given, a button for stopping recording is put in a selected state on said ~~on []~~ screen-display.

11. (currently amended) The receiving apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said external device control means controls said external recording device by use of using an AV mouse.

12. (currently amended) The receiving apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said external device control means controls said external recording device by use of using an IEEE 1394 interface.

13. (currently amended) A control method for controlling a receiving system composed of a receiving device, a monitor device for displaying an output of said receiving device, and an external recording device to be controlled by said receiving device, wherein said ~~receiving device determines,~~ method comprises the steps of:

setting said external recording device to a recording state, when a recording input is given, whether or not a program being received is copy protected, sets said external recording device to a recording state if said program is found not copy protected, and

disables ~~disabling~~ control of said external recording device if said program is found copy protected before recording said received program onto said external recording device;

whereby said external recording device is prevented from recording received copy protected programs.

14. (currently amended) The control method for controlling a receiving system according to claim 13,

wherein, if said program is found copy protected when said recording input is given, a warning indicative of copy protection is displayed on said monitor device ~~in an on-screen manner~~.

15. (currently amended) The control method for controlling a receiving system according to claim 13, wherein, when said recording input is given, an on-screen display is provided ~~through which stop of~~ for stopping recording is operated.

16. (original) The control method for controlling a receiving system according to claim 15,

wherein, when said recording input is given, a button for stopping recording is put in a selected state on said on-screen display.

17. (currently amended) The control method for controlling a receiving system according to claim 13, wherein

said external recording device is controlled by ~~use of~~ using an AV mouse.

18. (currently amended) The control method for controlling a receiving system according to claim 13, wherein

said external recording device is controlled by ~~use of~~ using an IEEE 1394 interface.